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SUMMARY OF CONCLUSIONS

INTRODUCTION

1. The Organizational Committee met at the headquarters of the World Health Organization (WHO), in Geneva, from 25 to 27 March and on 7 and 10 April 1992 to prepare for, and subsequently follow up on, the first regular session of 1992 of the Administrative Committee on Coordination (ACC) and to consider a number of issues in the context of its responsibility for monitoring the programme of work of ACC for the year (see ACC/1992/1). The list of participants is contained in the annex to the present document.

I. PREPARATIONS FOR THE FIRST REGULAR SESSION OF 1992 OF THE ADMINISTRATIVE COMMITTEE ON COORDINATION

2. The Organizational Committee made the necessary arrangements for the first regular session of 1992 of ACC and, in that regard, adopted a number of decisions on behalf of ACC. The provisional agenda and decisions will be issued in documents ACC/1992/14 and 15.

3. The Committee had an extensive discussion of the approach to be taken regarding the agenda proposed by the Secretary-General for ACC at its first regular session of 1992. Some members reported that their executive heads were of the view that, in principle, ACC should itself discuss issues related to personnel, financial and budgetary matters and operational activities.

II. ITEMS FOR THE AGENDA OF THE ADMINISTRATIVE COMMITTEE ON COORDINATION AT ITS FIRST REGULAR SESSION OF 1992

A. Dialogue between the Secretary-General and the executive heads on the role of the United Nations system in the economic and social fields and the contributions to be made by the organizations, individually and collectively

4. It was noted that the item, which would be discussed by ACC for an entire day, would consist of an exchange of views between the Secretary-General and the executive heads. It was also noted that the topic was closely related to

the theme selected for discussion at the high-level segment of the Economic and Social Council for 1992: Enhancing international cooperation for development: the role of the United Nations system. It would be considered most useful if it were possible for the Secretary-General to circulate in advance a brief note identifying the main topics which might be addressed by ACC under the item.

B. Implications for the United Nations system of the transition process in Eastern and Central Europe and in the states of the Commonwealth of Independent States

5. The Committee had before it a draft background paper prepared by the United Nations. It was concluded that the paper, as constituted, would not facilitate fruitful discussion of this item at ACC. But it was the view of the Committee that there should be some indication to ACC of the type of topics which could be addressed. It was agreed that the topics paper should be based on the outline of a possible background paper which the United Nations had previously distributed to all organizations.

6. The Economic Commission for Europe (ECE) agreed to accept responsibility for the preparation of a topics paper to assist ACC in its discussion of the item. The paper was reviewed by the Committee, and after revisions it was agreed to present it to ACC as a framework for discussion under the item.

C. Preparations for the United Nations Conference on Environment and Development

7. The Committee considered how the discussion under the item should be structured and organized at ACC. The possibility of an Organizational Committee meeting on 7 or 8 April in order to, inter alia, receive a briefing on the outcome of the fourth session of the Preparatory Committee of the United Nations Conference on Environment and Development was considered. It was agreed to request the Secretary-General of the Conference to present to ACC a one- or two-page paper indicating the issues which might be highlighted in the ACC discussion of the item. It was noted that, as a part of the discussion, it would be useful for the United Nations Environment Programme (UNEP) to update ACC on the status of the convention on biological diversity and to have the latest information on the negotiation of the framework convention on climate change.

8. Among the issues which ACC may wish to address would be the outcome of the Preparatory Committee deliberations, including, inter alia, institutional follow-up and financing arrangements, substantive recommendations addressed to the United Nations system and the role of executive heads at the Conference meeting, particularly the final events. The final shape of the discussion at ACC would to some extent depend upon the outcome of the fourth session of the Preparatory Committee. The desirability of an ACC statement on the Conference could only be determined in light of the outcome.

D. Follow-up to UNCTAD VIII

9. It was the view of the Committee that discussion of the item at ACC should consist of more than a briefing on the outcome of the eighth session of the United Nations Conference on Trade and Development (UNCTAD VIII) and an exchange of information. The parameters of the discussion could encompass the future role of UNCTAD and the system-wide implications of that new role. The Secretary-General of UNCTAD was expected to provide ACC with an assessment of UNCTAD VIII which would highlight and underline the policy implications of the decisions taken at UNCTAD VIII for the United Nations system as a whole.

E. Other items previously identified by the Organizational Committee for consideration by the Administrative Committee on Coordination at its first regular session of 1992

10. Regarding the other items which the Committee had, at its meeting in February 1992, proposed for the agenda of ACC, the Committee took the following actions, subject to the adoption by ACC of the provisional agenda proposed to it:

(a) It was agreed that the item on poverty, disease and underdevelopment would be postponed to a future session of ACC;

(b) The Committee received a progress report on the Uruguay Round of multilateral trade negotiations at its current session (see para. 41 below);

(c) Operational and administrative issues.

1. Personnel issues

11. The report of the Consultative Committee on Administrative Questions (Personnel and General Administrative Questions) (CCAQ (PER)) on its meeting of 2-6 March 1992 was introduced by its Chairman, who also introduced CRP.17 on new approaches to conditions of service of Professionals.

12. Regarding the proposals contained in paragraph 7 of CRP.17, the Committee felt that CCAQ could proceed with the actions mentioned in subparagraphs (a), (b) and (f) without the need for them to be endorsed by ACC. Subject to any decision of ACC itself to address personnel questions, the Committee decided, on behalf of ACC, to approve the recommendations found in paragraphs 7 (c), (d) and (e) - namely to request ICSC:

(a) To review the manner in which margin comparisons should be made in the context of those occupations for which the better-paying United States federal agencies are applying special rates; and to carry out a comparability

study between United Nations pay levels and those of other international civil services, with a view to having the pay levels of these civil services reflected in margin calculation;

(b) To invite CCAQ to pursue its studies of the introduction of an additional grade in the salary scale;

(c) In the meantime, to propose to the General Assembly, through ICSC, increases of 3 and 5 per cent at the "D" levels of the salary scale, as recommended by CCAQ.

13. Regarding the issue of pensions of certain ungraded officials, which was the subject of ACC decision 1991/20, the Committee was informed that a report by three former executive heads on pension arrangements for ungraded elected officials had been transmitted to the Secretary-General. It was noted that the Secretary-General had acknowledged receipt of the report, had pointed out that the terms of ACC decision 1991/20 called for the report to be considered by the relevant organizations, and had asked that the Under-Secretary-General, Department of Administration and Management of the United Nations transmit the report to the organizations concerned for further action.

2. Financial and budgetary issues

14. The report of the Consultative Committee on Administrative Questions (Financial and Budgetary Questions) (CCAQ (FB)) at its meeting of 9-13 March 1992 was introduced by its secretary.

15. The Committee discussed the conclusions of CCAQ (FB) regarding the collection of assessed contributions from countries in Central and Eastern Europe. The possibility of broadening the issue to encompass the collection of contributions from all Member States in arrears was considered. The Committee decided that, in view of the proposal made for possible ACC decision, the extract of the CCAQ (FB) report dealing with that question should be annexed to the topics paper being prepard for ACC on the transition in Central and Eastern Europe and the implications for the work of United Nations organizations.

3. Operational activities for development

16. The report of the Consultative Committee on Substantive Questions (Operational Activities) (CCSQ (OPS)) at its meeting of 16-19 March 1992 was introduced by the Coordinator of CCSQ (OPS).

17. As concerns matters brought to the attention of ACC, the Committee noted those referred to in paragraphs 2 (a), (e) and (f) of the report. Those matters in paragraphs 2 (c) and (d) were approved.

18. The statement on the least developed countries was approved on behalf of ACC, as amended:

"The implementation of the Programme of Action for the Least Developed Countries for the 1990s

"ACC notes with satisfaction the arrangements for follow-up, review and implementation of the Programme of Action for the Least Developed Countries for the 1990s made by UNCTAD and other organizations of the United Nations system. It also notes that a number of least developed countries are implementing reform policies. However, it expresses its concern at the developments which have adversely affected the least developed countries since the adoption of the Programme of Action by the Second United Nations Conference on the Least Developed Countries (Paris, September 1990), including the slow-down in the world economy and the effects of the Gulf war. ACC further notes that since that conference, six more countries have been added to the group of least developed countries, which now number 47 and have a combined population of over 500 million, nearly one tenth of the world population.

"In that context, ACC welcomes the outcome of UNCTAD VIII, held in Cartagena de Indias in February 1992, which reaffirmed the commitments undertaken in the Programme of Action by the Governments of least developed countries and by the international donor community and reflected the unanimity which continues to characterize the latter's support for the development efforts of the least developed countries. ACC also notes the reaffirmation of the arrangements for the follow-up and implementation of the Programme of Action and the recognition in the Cartagena Commitment of the need for reassessing and readjusting support measures in favour of the least developed countries in view of recent developments.

"ACC further notes that while the resource needs of the least developed countries have become greater than at the time of the Second United Nations Conference, new and competing demands for financial resources have emerged elsewhere in the world. ACC agrees that the organizations of the United Nations system have a major role to play in advocating the cause of the least developed countries, in helping them formulate and put into effect sound and operationally relevant development and sectoral policies and in contributing to directing increased flows of assistance to them. ACC urges the organizations of the United Nations system to continue to be actively involved in the implementation of the Programme of Action for the 1990s and give full support to the development efforts of these countries."

19. The Committee was apprised by the United Nations of arrangements for the implementation of General Assembly decision 46/465. The Committee was informed that the report to be submitted to the Economic and Social Council by the Secretary-General under the terms of that decision would be an analytical one which would contain options rather than recommendations. It was the intention of the Secretary-General to consult with the organizations of the

system in preparing the report, and such consultations had been initiated. They had not been as intensive and full as would have been desirable because of the time-frame under which the report had to be produced. The Committee was of the view that established inter-agency machinery should, to the extent possible, be utilized for consultations of that nature and hoped that the organizations would have an opportunity to comment upon the report before it was finalized.

III. MONITORING THE PROGRAMME OF WORK OF THE ADMINISTRATIVE COMMITTEE ON COORDINATION

A. Review of the role and functioning of the Administrative Committee on Coordination and its subsidiary machinery

20. The Committee had an intensive and wide-ranging discussion of the role of ACC, of the Organizational Committee and of the functioning of the subsidiary machinery of ACC. The discussion was placed in the context of the need, reiterated by the Committee, for ACC to adapt and respond to rapidly changing conditions.

21. There was broad agreement that the functioning of the subsidiary machinery of ACC, including that of the Organizational Committee, should be rationalized and perhaps streamlined. The strengths and weaknesses of the present arrangements and operations were highlighted. Issues of both substance (priorities, range of issues covered etc.) and process (timing of meetings, secretariat support etc.) were referred to by members of the Committee. The need for more clearly identified priorities and goals in the work of the inter-agency machinery was stressed.

22. Furthermore, mechanisms for the periodic - perhaps annual - review of the functioning of each subsidiary body needed to be devised. The uneven quality of reports emanating from the subsidiary bodies was acknowledged, as was the lack of a common format. The problem of the timing of the meetings of those bodies, which made it virtually impossible for the Organizational Committee to review and make constructive comments upon them, was explored in depth. The need for adequate secretariat support to facilitate substantive consideration of reports by the Organizational Committee was also emphasized. The large number of reports, some of which were of considerable volume, also made it difficult for them to be processed in an appropriate manner.

23. In considering the role of ACC and its machinery in inter-agency coordination, it was pointed out by various members of the Committee that not all coordination arrangements needed to fall under the aegis of ACC. There were many successful examples of inter-agency collaboration and coordination that had been and were being carried out without being part of the formal ACC machinery. Depending upon the circumstances, that more ad hoc and informal approach might be preferable and should in no way be precluded by any reforms or improvements which ACC may make in the future.

24. It was recalled that the functioning of ACC and its subsidiary machinery had been thoroughly reviewed at various times in the recent past and that all of the problems identified above had been previously discussed by the Committee. It was suggested that the current moment was a very opportune one for the Committee to again seek to make improvements in the functioning of the subsidiary machinery. Members hoped that the Committee would have the will and determination to make genuine reforms and improvements.

25. Some members of the Committee were of the view that initial incremental changes could be made at the current time. Amending the complicated nomenclature of some of the subsidiary bodies was cited as an example. In addition, suggestions were made that the name of the Organizational Committee could be changed to Management Committee or Executive Committee. However, other members of the Committee thought it might be premature to make even initial changes.

26. The Committee was in full agreement that it should set in train a process for the development of analysis and proposals that would, at its next meeting, allow it to take measures to improve its own functioning and that of other parts of the subsidiary machinery. The analysis would include a review of the mandates and functioning of the subsidiary bodies, practices and procedures for the selection of chairmen of subsidiary bodies, the role to be played by non-governmental organizations and arrangements for secretariat suppport of the subsidiary machinery. Given the fact that ACC itself had decided to review its functioning, the conclusions of ACC in that regard would need to be taken fully into account by the Organizational Committee in its review of the functioning of the subsidiary machinery. In the meantime, work could continue on the collection of basic information on previous reviews etc.

27. At recent meetings the Committee has been briefed on the functioning of different subsidiary bodies of ACC. At its current session the Committee was briefed by the Director of the Social Development Division, Centre for Social Development and Humanitarian Affairs, United Nations Office at Vienna, on the work of four ad hoc inter-agency bodies - those concerned with ageing, youth, the disabled and the International Year of the Family. A paper on the functioning of those bodies was distributed. He also briefed the Committee on the latest developments regarding the World Summit on Social Development. The Committee decided to consider more fully at its meeting in October the paper presented to it on the functioning of the four subsidiary bodies concerned with ageing, youth, the disabled and the family.

28. The intention of the United Nations Office at Vienna to convene inter-agency consultations on crime prevention and criminal justice was noted. The question of establishing an inter-agency mechanism on crime was raised and would be addressed by the Committee at its next meeting when the overall functioning of the subsidiary machinery would be reviewed in greater depth.

B. New agenda for Africa/system-wide action plan on African economic recovery and development

29. The Committee had before it a preliminary draft of the system-wide action plan on African economic recovery and development, prepared by the United Nations. The Committee noted the comments made by CCSQ (PROG) on the draft of the action plan to the effect that it needed further work. The Committee agreed with the recommendation of CCSQ (PROG) that the submission of the draft plan should be postponed. The Committee recommended that the United Nations carry out further consultations and should convene an informal inter-agency meeting in early July for that purpose.

C. Preparations for the high-level and coordination segments of the Economic and Social Council and the question of executive summaries of the activities of the agencies

30. The Committee was informed of the arrangements and preparations for the high-level and coordination segments of the substantive session of the Economic and Social Council in 1992.

31. The Committee emphasized the need to establish close informal consultative links between the intergovernmental bodies and the inter-agency machinery so that the ACC and its constituent organizations could respond more effectively to the mandates and requests emanating from intergovernmental bodies.

32. The Committee agreed with the views, expressed by CCSQ (PROG) in its report on its meeting held on 9 to 11 March 1992, that adequate lead time should be allowed for the preparation of system-wide reports so that information could be gathered, appropriate inter-agency consultations and review could take place and such reports could identify and address coordination issues for the consideration of intergovernmental bodies. The Committee recommended that that aspect be drawn to the attention of the Economic and Social Council and other relevant intergovernmental bodies. The issue could be raised by the Secretary-General in his foreword, as Chairman of ACC, to the ACC annual overview report for 1991.

33. The Committee reviewed a preliminary draft of the report of the Secretary-General, as Chairman of ACC, titled "Coordination of policies and activities of the organizations of the United Nations system relating to assistance in the eradication of poverty and support to vulnerable groups, including assistance during the implementation of structural adjustment programmes", prepared by the United Nations. The Committee was also apprised by WHO, as the lead agency, of the status of the preparation of the report "Coordination of policies and activities of the organizations of the United Nations system relating to prevention and control of HIV/AIDS and programmes for the mitigation of its negative socio-economic consequences".

34. With regard to the preliminary draft report on the eradication of poverty, it was generally agreed that, given the extreme difficulty in identifying resources allocated to such a broad area as poverty eradication by the organizations of the system and the short time available for the finalization of the report, it would be advisable not to include that aspect in the report. Several comments and suggestions were made to improve the draft and to reflect more fully the work done by the organizations of the system relating to poverty eradication. It was agreed that written comments and suggestions would be provided to the United Nations within the next two weeks to enable the draft report to be revised and completed for timely submission to the Economic and Social Council.

35. The Committee noted that WHO had prepared a draft framework for the report on the prevention and control of HIV/AIDS and that a letter was being circulated to the organizations of the system eliciting their contributions for the report which would focus on coordination aspects, including programmes for the mitigation of the negative socio-economic consequences of AIDS.

36. The Committee agreed that, with the benefit of experience gained that year, it would need in future to review the various approaches being utilized to prepare system-wide reports for the Council. Also regarding system-wide reports, CCSQ (PROG) was requested to develop a standard methodology and timetable for the preparation of such reports.

37. On the question of the executive summaries of the activities of the agencies, the Chairman, in his capacity as Secretary of the Council, informed the Committee that he would strive to maintain the current situation, in which the agencies would continue to provide the Council with already existing reports.

D. Preparations for the twenty-seventh series of Joint Meetings of the Committee for Programme and Coordination and the Administrative Committee on Coordination

38. The Committee had before it a note prepared by the secretariat on the twenty-seventh series of Joint Meetings of CPC and ACC, to be held in October of 1992. It was agreed to suggest to CPC the following four possible topics, one of which could be selected as the topic for the next joint meeting:

(a) Commodity problems and their consequences for development;

(b) Results of the United Nations Conference on Environment and Development and their implications for the United Nations system;

(c) Follow-up to UNCTAD VIII;

(d) Investments in human development.

39. Regarding the suggested changes in the timing and nature of the Joint Meetings, the Committee found considerable merit in the approach outlined in the note before it and requested its Chairman to explore those ideas, on a very informal basis, with the intergovernmental bodies concerned.

E. Reports of the Joint Inspection Unit

40. The Committee deferred approval of ACC comments on the report of the JIU on assessment of the environmental focus of projects financed by UNDP and other United Nations agencies (JIU/REP/1991/2). Organizations were requested to submit additional comments to the secretariat, if any, by the end of April. A revised version would thereafter be circulated to organizations for approval.

F. Progress reports

41. The Committee reviewed and took note of two progress reports submitted to it in advance, one on climate change negotiations and the other on industrial development. The Committee also received a progress report from the General Agreement on Tariffs and Trade (GATT) on the current status of the Uruguay Round of multilateral trade negotiations.

G. Coordination of conferences within the United Nations system

42. The Committee had before it a paper prepared by the Inter-Agency Meeting on Language Arrangements, Documentation and Publications on the coordination of conferences within the United Nations system. The Committee decided to note the conclusions summarized in paragraph 20 of that paper and decided that the paper should be made available to the Committee on Conferences when that Committee might be required to take any follow-up actions.

H. Provision of services to sensory-impaired persons participating in United Nations meetings

43. The Inter-Agency Meeting on Language Arrangements, Documentation and Publications presented a paper to the Committee which contained recommendations addressed to ACC on the provision of services to sensory-impaired persons participating in United Nations meetings. The Committee took note of the recommendations. Some organizations indicated that some of the actions being recommended would require additional resources to be allocated by their governing bodies.

I. Matters arising from the reports of subsidiary bodies of the Administrative Committee on Coordination and from ad hoc inter-agency meetings convened under its auspices

44. The Committee reviewed and took note of the following reports of subsidiary bodies, in certain cases with decisions, comments, observations and reservations, as indicated below:

(a) Inter-agency Meeting on the United Nations Decade of Disabled Persons (3-6 December 1992). The report, previously considered by the Committee at its meeting in February 1992, was introduced by the Director, Social Development Division, United Nations Office at Vienna. It was clarified that the joint draft statement in annex II was not intended to be an ACC statement. Revisions had been introduced to eliminate any ambiguity in that regard. The statement was brought to the attention of the Committee, which noted that it was intended to be issued on behalf of the participating organizations. The Committee was of the view that in the future the recommendations contained in the report should indicate more clearly to whom they were being addressed;

(b) Inter-agency Group on New and Renewable Sources of Energy (3-4 February 1992). The report was noted;

(c) Subcommittee on Nutrition (24-28 February 1992). The report was introduced by the Secretary of the Subcommittee. The statement on benefits of preventing growth failure in early childhood was noted. Regarding the statement on nutrition, refugees and displaced persons, the Committee fully recognized the importance and urgency of the issues being raised by the Subcommittee in that statement. It was, however, questioned whether the formulation and wording were appropriate for an ACC statement.

The Committee noted that the issues referred to in the statement would continue to be pursued by the Subcommittee on Nutrition and should be brought to the attention of the United Nations Emergency Relief Coordinator and Under-Secretary-General for Humanitarian Affairs. It was also suggested that the issue of humanitarian relief and assistance might be discussed by ACC at its second regular session of 1992;

(d) Task Force on Long-term Development Objectives (3-6 March 1992). The report was introduced by its secretary. The conclusions regarding implementation of the current International Development Strategy were noted, as was the suggestion regarding the Task Force on Rural Development, which would be carefully considered by the Committee at its meeting in October. Some members were of the view that the recommendations in the report should in the future be formulated in a manner in which they could appropriately be brought to the attention of executive heads;

(e) Ad hoc Inter-agency Meeting on the International Year of the Family (5-6 March 1992). The report was introduced by the Director, Social Development Division, United Nations Office at Vienna. The Committee endorsed

recommendations 8 and 9 and decided that the other recommendations could be considered further by the organizations at the third meeting of the Ad Hoc Inter-agency Meeting;

(f) Ad Hoc Inter-agency Meeting on Women (9-10 March 1992). The Committee took note of the recommendations found in the report;

(g) Consultative Committee on Substantive Questions (PROG) (9-11 March 1992) and Joint Meeting of CCSQ (PROG) and CCAQ (FB) (11 March 1992). The two reports were considered together. The guidelines for use with the revised ACC programme classification were approved on behalf of ACC.

The Committee was informed that the United Nations was not in a position to assume overall responsibility for the preparation of the next report on programmes and resources to be presented to CPC and the Economic and Social Council in 1993. Given the prevailing circumstances, including the necessity to begin preparations at an early date and the high quality of the work of the secretariat of CCAQ (FB) in preparing the previous report, the Committee requested the secretariat of CCAQ (FB) to, again on an ad hoc basis, assume responsibility for the preparation of the next report. It was noted that the United Nations would provide adequate resources to the CCAQ (FB) secretariat to enable it to prepare the report. The Committee looked forward to being informed of the outcome of consultations between the chairmen of CCAQ (FB) and CCSQ (PROG) on the appropriate long-term arrangements for the preparation of the report.

The recommendation of CCSQ (PROG) regarding the system-wide action plan on Africa was approved (see para. 29 above).

The Committee was not in a position to take action on an updating or revision of the mandate of CCSQ (PROG). The mandate of that body should be considered in the context of the overall review of the functioning of the subsidiary machinery to be undertaken by the Committee in October.

J. Organizational matters

45. The Committee, on behalf of the ACC, adopted the following decision regarding appointments to posts in its subsidiary machinery:

"Appointments to posts in the subsidiary machinery of the Administrative Committee on Coordination

"1. Consultative Committee on Administrative Questions (Personnel and General Administrative Questions)

"The Committee took note of the election of Mr. Paul Rolian, Chief of Personnel, General Agreement on Tariffs and Trade, as Chairman for a further term of office of one year.

"2. Consultative Committee on Administrative Questions (Financial and Budgetary Questions)

"The Committee took note of the election of Mr. Anees Ahmad, Assistant Director-General, International Labour Organisation, as Chairman for a term of office of one year.

"3. Advisory Committee for the Coordination of Information Systems

"The Committee decided to reappoint Mr. Jacques Lemoine, Director, Interorganisation Relations of the International Labour Organisation (retired), as Chairman for a further term of office of two years.

"4. Task Force on Rural Development

"The Committee decided to reappoint Mr. B. P. Dutia, Senior Adviser, Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations, as Chairman of the Task Force on Rural Development for a further term of office of two years.

"5. Intersecretariat Group for Water Resources

"The Committee decided to appoint Mr. Swayne Scott, Chief of Water Resources Development and Land Management Service, Land and Water Development Division, Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations, as Chairman for a term of office of two years.

"6. Inter-agency Group on New and Renewable Sources of Energy

"The Committee decided to reappoint Ahmedou Ould Abdallah, Coordinator for Africa and Least Developed Countries, United Nations, as Chairman for a further term of office of two years.

"7. Subcommittee on Nutrition

"The Committee decided to reappoint Mr. A. Horwitz, Regional Director Emeritus of the World Health Organization, as Chairman for a further term of office of two years.

"8. Task Force on Science and Technology for Development

"The Committee decided to appoint Professor Adnan Badran, Assistant Director-General for Science, UNESCO, as Chairman for a term of office of two years.

"9. Coordinator of Consultative Committee on Substantive Questions (Operational Activities)

"The Committee decided to extend the appointment of Mr. Praba Kumarakulasinghe as Coordinator until 31 December 1992. 1/

"10. Secretariat of Consultative Committee on Administrative Questions (Personnel and General Administrative Questions)

"The Committee decided to reappoint Mr. Roger Eggleston as Secretary of the Consultative Committee on Administrative Questions for a period of two years."

K. Meetings of the Administrative Committee on Coordination and its subsidiary machinery

46. The Committee gave the approval of the following proposals for meetings of subsidiary bodies:

(a) Inter-Agency Consultation on the Follow-Up to the Programme of Action for the Least Developed Countries for the 1990s, Geneva, 25-26 June 1992;

(b) Consultative Committee on Administrative Questions (Personnel and General Administrative Questions), London (IMO), 6-10 July 1992;

(c) Ad Hoc Task Force on the International Conference on Population and Development, New York, two days in July 1992 (exact dates to be determined);

(d) Ad Hoc Inter-agency Group on the Decade of Disabled Persons, Vienna, December 1992 (two days, exact dates to be determined);

(e) Ad Hoc Inter-agency Meeting on the International Year of the Family, Vienna, 10-12 March 1993;

(f) Ad Hoc Inter-agency Meeting on Women, Vienna, 15-16 March 1993;

(g) Sub-Committee on Nutrition, Geneva (WHO), 15-19 February 1993;

(h) Task Force on Long-term Development Objectives, Geneva, three days, March 1993;

(i) Consultative Committee on Substantive Questions (Programme Matters), three days, January-February 1993;

47. The Committee deferred approval of the meetings of three bodies pending a decision on the dates for the next meeting of ACC itself. The three bodies are:

(a) Consultative Committee on Administrative Questions (Financial and Budgetary Questions), which had proposed to meet in New York, 31 August to 4 September 1992.

(b) Consultative Committee on Substantive Questions (Operational Activities), which had proposed to meet in New York, 28 September to 1 October 1992.

(c) Organizational Committee of ACC, which usually met from 10 days to two weeks prior to the meeting of ACC.

48. The Committee had been informed that ACC, in its private meeting, had indicated a preference to hold its second regular session prior to the opening of the General Assembly on 15 September 1992. That would imply that ACC should meet in the period 31 August-11 September 1992. Several organizations indicated that it would be difficult for their executive heads to attend ACC during that period. It was agreed that further consultations should be held and that after those consultations, the Chairman of ACC would propose dates in the report of the ACC meeting.

49. Regarding the agenda of ACC at its second regular session of 1992, the agenda provisionally proposed in the ACC programme of work for 1992 (ACC/1992/1) was recalled. The decision to postpone discussion of the item on poverty, disease and underdevelopment was also noted. The Committee noted that it could be expected that items on the functioning of ACC, follow-up to the United Nations Conference on Environment and Development and personnel issues would be on the agenda of ACC at the second regular session. Other items, which might be added, would be determined at a later stage.

Notes

1/ Regarding this appointment, the Committee was briefed by the Chairman of CCSQ (OPS) on the consultations regarding the appointment of a new coordinator. A consensus had not yet been achieved on the appointment. The Chairman reported that CCSQ (OPS) was recommending that, while the consultations were continuing (to be completed before the next meeting of the Organizational Committee), the current Coordinator should be extended until the end of 1992. It was understood that that would be the final extension for the current Coordinator. The Committee, in deciding to follow the course recommended by the Consultative Committee on Substantive Questions (Operational Activities), expressed appreciation to the Chairman for his efforts in seeking to achieve a consensus.

Annex

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